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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Letter dated 29 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

I am addressing this letter to bring to your attention the brutal murder in custody of Mr. Jalil Andrabi, a Kashmiri human rights activist, by the Indian Security Forces in Indian-held Kashmir.

Mr. Andrabi was kidnapped by the Rashtriya Rifles on 8 March in the presence of his wife just before he was to leave for Geneva to attend the current session of the Commission. Mr. Andrabi was found dead on 27 March 1996. His body was found floating in the River Jhelum, close to the Indian interrogation centre at Badami Bagh.

Mr. Jalil Andrabi had attended the forty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and pleaded for the rights of Kashmiris. His murder appears to be a deliberate act by the Indian security forces to punish him for espousing the cause of the right to self-determination of the people of Kashmir.

I would request you to bring this gruesome act of custodial murder to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights. The Commission should despatch a fact-finding mission to Jammu and Kashmir to ascertain the circumstances in which Mr. Jalil Andrabi was killed.

(Signed): Munir AKRAM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative